

**Closure of post offices**

**884. DR. K. MALAISAMY:  
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of functioning post offices have been closed as a measure of economy;
- (b) whether this reduction of post offices been introduced first in Tamil Nadu, if so, how many post offices have been closed down so far and how many more are yet to be done;
- (c) the alternative arrangement made to substitute this facility enjoyed for the last 6 to 7 decades;
- (d) whether in the present process of reduction, there would be only one post office for more than 2 km. Radius; and
- (e) would umpteen number of facilities in existence be withdrawn in the name of economy?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

**Telephone exchanges in Rajasthan**

**885. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:  
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:**

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of telephone exchanges functioning in Rajasthan and their exchange-wise capacity as on date;
- (b) whether Government propose to increase the present capacity of the existing telephone exchanges and also to open some new telephone exchanges;